

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amended claims 1, 21 and 22 are canceled and claims 2, 3, 11, 23, 30 and 31 are amended, leaving claims 2-20 and 23-37 pending with claims 2, 11, 23, and 31 independent.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 15-20 and 35-37 and the indication that claims 2, 5-9, 11-14, 23-29 and 31-34 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 2, 11, 23 and 31 have been rewritten to include all the elements of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that these claims and their respective dependent claims 3-10, 12-14, 24-30 and 32-34 are allowable.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 1, 3-4, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by USPN 6,032,041 to Wainfan et al.

Claims 1, 21 and 22 have been canceled. Claims 3 and 4 now depend from claim 2, which has been rewritten into allowable form.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 10 and 30 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wainfain in view of USPN 6,724,737 to Boyden et al.

Claims 10 and 30 now depend from claims 2 and 23, respectively, which have been rewritten into allowable form.

Since each independent claim has been allowed or now contains subject matter indicated as allowable, Applicants respectfully requests that this application be allowed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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